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In re application of

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For: Method and Apparatus for Securing Network
Management Communications

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed June 29, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Andrews (US 6,697,845) and the rejection of claims 3 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Andrews.

In his Summary of the Invention, column 1, lines 36-48, Andrews states:

An SNMP master agent and one or more subagents are provided for managing the node, which use the AgentX protocol for communication therebetween. At least a portion of a Management Information Base (MIB) associated with the management functionality of the managed node is supported by an SNMP peer agent that is proxied via an AgentX subagent (PSA). The PSA registers the MIB portion with the SNMP master agent via an AgentX registration message. When an SNMP manager sends an SNMP management request to the SNMP master agent, the SNMP master agent parses the SNMP management request into one or more AgentX protocol messages depending upon the subagents involved. [Emphasis added.]